## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A step system comprising:
- a length of a connecting material; and
- a plurality of steps attached to the connecting material, said steps being spaced apart by a distance sufficient to allow an adult to kneel between neighboring steps;

wherein each said step comprises a toehold portion and a base portion attached to the connecting material, said toehold portion defined by an upper generally planar and foot engaging support surface for engaging a portion of a user's foot, an opposing lower surface, and an edge surface extending therebetween;

wherein said upper generally planar support surface is disposed substantially perpendicular to said base portion.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, wherein the steps are spaced apart by approximately 20 inches to approximately 36 inches.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, wherein the connecting material is approximately 10 inches to approximately 36 inches wide.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, wherein the connecting material is nylon 6000 pound seat belt webbing.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 4, wherein the nylon is approximately 900 to approximately 1,000 denier.

- 6. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, wherein the connecting material is a closed material.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, wherein the steps are attached to the connecting material by 6000 pound seat belt webbing.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, wherein the step includes a handle.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, further comprising a life line attachable to the handle.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, wherein the step is comprised of high impact plastic.
  - 11. (Currently Amended) A step system comprising:

a plurality of steps, said steps being disposed on a support structure at variable distances from one another as selectively determined by a user;

wherein each said step comprises a toehold portion and a base portion attached to the connecting material, said toehold portion defined by an upper generally planar <u>and foot engaging</u> support surface for engaging a portion of a user's foot, an opposing lower surface, and an edge surface extending therebetween;

wherein said upper generally planar support surface is disposed substantially perpendicular to said base portion.

- 12. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 11, wherein the steps are spaced out of parallel.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 11, wherein the steps may be spaced out of parallel.

- 14. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 11, wherein the step further comprises a keyhold-shaped sleeve for passage of a fastener.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 11, wherein the step further comprises ruler demarcations along one edge.
  - 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 8, wherein said handle is formed as an opening in said toehold portion.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 1, wherein said connecting material has a predetermined length sufficient for extending over a roof of a house.
  - 19. (Canceled)
- 20. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 11, wherein a handle is formed as an opening in said toehold portion.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 11, further comprising a connecting material, wherein said plurality of steps are attached to the connecting material.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The step system of Claim 11, wherein the support structure comprises a building roof.
  - 23. (New) A step system comprising:

a length of a connecting material; and

a plurality of steps attached to the connecting material, said steps being spaced apart by approximately 20 inches to approximately 36 inches t to allow an adult to kneel between neighboring steps;

wherein each said step comprises a toehold portion and a base portion attached to the connecting material, said toehold portion defined by an upper generally planar support and foot engaging surface for engaging a portion of a user's foot, an opposing lower surface, and an edge surface extending therebetween;

wherein said upper generally planar support surface is disposed substantially perpendicular to said base portion.